

Tribal Behavioral Health Resources

National and Regional Resources

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

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SAMHSA's Tribal Affairs Agenda

Tribal Consultation: SAMHSA considers consultation an enhanced form of communication, which emphasizes trust, respect, and shared responsibility. Consultation is an open and free exchange of information and opinion among parties, which leads to mutual understanding and comprehension, the purpose of which is reaching consensus to the greatest extent possible. SAMHSA, as an operating division within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), acknowledges and adheres to the HHS Tribal Consultation Policy

SAMHSA's Tribal Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC): The SAMHSA TTAC provides a forum for information exchange between tribal leaders and SAMHSA staff to help identify and address urgent mental health and substance use needs among American Indian and Alaska Native communities and discuss collaborative solutions.

Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA): TLOA requires SAMHSA's Office of Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse (OIASA) to work with other federal agencies and offices to coordinate a collective federal effort to address substance use concerns. The TLOA allows a tribe to develop a comprehensive tribal action planning process resulting in a Tribal Action Plan (TAP). The TAP coordinates resources and programs to help achieve community-based behavioral health prevention and treatment goals.

SAMHSA's American Indian and Alaska Native Team (SAI/ANT): The SAI/ANT is an internal SAMHSA workgroup chartered in 2013 to assist with ensuring positive behavioral health outcomes of American Indian and Alaska Native people through SAMHSA-wide coordination of resources and services.

SAMHSA's Behavioral Health Resources

Technical Assistance Programs

- [SAMHSA Tribal Training and Technical Assistance \(TTA\) Center](#) uses a culturally relevant, evidence-based, holistic approach to support Native communities in their self-determination efforts through infrastructure development and capacity building, as well as program planning and implementation. It provides training and technical assistance on mental and/or substance use disorders, suicide prevention, and mental health promotion.
- [National American Indian and Alaska Native Addiction Technology Transfer Center \(AI/ANATTC\)](#) strengthens and promotes systematic behavioral health practice changes that both honor and contribute to the health and well being of American Indian and Alaska Native communities, tribes, and individuals.
- [Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies \(CAPT\)](#) - a substance abuse prevention training and technical assistance system dedicated to strengthening prevention systems. CAPT provides state-of-the-science training and technical assistance to 20 tribes supported under SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework and the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant programs, as well as to tribal epidemiological workgroups and innovative local programs participating in SAMHSA's Service to Science Initiative.
- [Gathering of Native Americans](#)—a community prevention and strategic planning curriculum developed by SAMHSA in partnership with American Indian and Alaska Natives.
- [Learning Communities](#)—a program that brings different tribes with common beliefs, principles, and goals together virtually to discuss special topics and share experiences and materials.
- [Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders \(FASD\) Center for Excellence Native Initiative](#) promotes prevention of FASD.
- [Suicide Prevention Resource Center \(SPRC\)](#) is a national center that helps advance suicide prevention efforts in states, tribal communities, campus organizations and coalitions, and groups that serve populations with high suicide rates.

Children and Youth Programs

- [Circles of Care](#) is a 3-year infrastructure grant program to provide communities with tools and resources to build a holistic, community-based system of care capable of addressing the mental health and wellness of children and their families.
- [State/Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention Cooperative Agreements](#) support states and tribes (including Alaska Villages and urban Indian organizations) in developing and implementing statewide or tribal youth suicide prevention and early intervention strategies, grounded in public and private collaboration.
- [Native Connections](#) Cooperative Agreements provide a key source of funding for programs that reduce substance abuse and mental illness among native young people up to and including the age of 24.
- [Project LAUNCH \(Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health\)](#) promotes health and well being in children from birth to age 8.
- [National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative \(NCTSI\)](#) improves treatment and services for all children and adolescents who have experienced traumatic events or witnessed such events.
 - The University of Montana's National Native Trauma Center is a NCTSI category II recipient.

Criminal Justice and Juvenile Justice Programs

SAMHSA is committed to enhancing substance use treatment services in existing adult tribal healing-to-wellness courts and in all juvenile treatment drug courts. SAMHSA's [Treatment Drug Courts grant program](#) aims to break the cycle of criminal behavior, alcohol and/or substance use, and incarceration among Native Americans.

Substance Abuse Prevention Programs

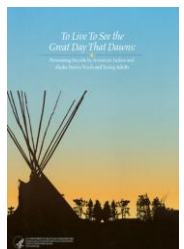
[Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success State and Tribal Initiative \(SPF-PFS\)](#) grant program targets communities helping young American Indians and Alaska Natives.

SAMHSA's Tribal Grant Portfolio

- [Campus Suicide Prevention Grant](#)
- [Circles of Care](#)
- [Cooperative Agreements for Tribal Behavioral Health/Native Connections](#)
- [Drug-Free Communities Support Program](#)
- [Minority AIDS Continuum of Care](#)
- [Pregnant and Postpartum Women](#)
- [Project LAUNCH](#)
- [SAMHSA Treatment Drug Courts](#)
- [State and Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention Cooperative Agreements](#)
- [Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success](#)
- [System of Care Expansion Planning Grants](#)

Publications and Resources

- [Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders \(FASD\) Among Native Americans: What You Need to Know \(2007\)](#)
- [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: American Indian/Alaska Native Teen Suicide Prevention \(2006\)](#)
- [Strategies for Behavioral Health Organizations to Promote New Health Insurance Opportunities in American Indian and Alaska Native Communities \(2014\)](#)
- [To Live to See the Great Day That Dawns: Preventing Suicide by American Indian and Alaska Native Youth and Young Adults \(2010\)](#)



Evidence-Based and Best Practices

- SAMHSA's [National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices](#) includes mental health and substance abuse interventions related to American Indians and Alaska Natives.

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